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In the Application of:) **Examiner:** Vanessa Mary Girardi
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Notice of Allowance mailed December 13, 2007 in connection with the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner issued statements of reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully submits that, in general, statements of reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances where the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the reasons for allowing one or more claims. In the present case, however, Applicant believes that the record does make clear the reasons for allowance. Thus, while noting the Examiner's statements, Applicant comments that the art of record, alone and in combination, fails to anticipate or render obvious the combination of elements recited by each of the allowed claims.

Thus, to the extent that the Examiner has quoted or paraphrased less than the entire combination of elements of any claim or claims in any of the Examiners' above-referenced statements, Applicant hereby objects on the record. Accordingly, Applicant submits that each allowed claim of the present application should be construed in view of the entirety of that

claim's combination of elements, and limited neither by any of the Examiners' statements nor by the recitation therein of any specific claim elements.

Respectfully submitted,
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